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CHRONICLE OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

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Abbreviations: *Ann. sc. pol.*, Annales des sciences politiques, Paris; *Arch. dipl.*, Archives diplomatiques, Paris; *B.*, boletín, bulletin, bollettino; *B. A. R.*, Monthly bulletin of the International Bureau of American Republics, Washington; *Doc. dipl.*, France: Documents diplomatiques; *Dr.*, droit, diritto, derecho; *For. rel.*, Foreign Relations of the United States; *Ga.*, gazette, gaceta, gazzetta; *Cd.*, Great Britain: Parliamentary Papers; *Int.*, international, internacional, internazionale; *J.*, journal; *J. O.*, Journal Officiel, Paris; *Mém. dipl.*, Mémorial diplomatique, Paris; *Monit.*, Moniteur belge, Brussels; *N. R. G.*, Nouveau recueil général de traités, Leipzig; *Q. dipl.*, Questions diplomatiques et coloniales; *R.*, review, revista, revue, rivista; *Reichs-G.*, Reichs-Gesetzblatt, Berlin; *Staatsb.*, Staatsblad, Gröningen; *State Papers*, British and Foreign State Papers, London; *Stat. at L.*, United States Statutes at Large; *Times*, the Times (London); *Treaty ser.*, Great Britain: Treaty Series.

November, 1907.

1 NETHERLANDS. Law approving convention signed at Berne September 19, 1906, modifying the provisions of the international convention, signed at Berne October 14, 1890 (*State Papers*, 82: 771, 796; *N. R. G.*, 19:289), the arrangement signed at Berne July 16, 1895, and the additional convention signed at Paris June 16, 1898. Railway freight transportation. Signatory powers: Germany, Austria, Hungary, Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Roumania, Russia, Switzerland. *Staatsb.*, 1907, No. 280. *See November 2, 1907.*

5 BOLIVIA—PERU. Protocol signed at La Paz establishing manner of effecting renewal of diplomatic relations between Bolivia and the Holy See, through the mediation of Peru. *B. del ministerio de rel. ext.* (Lima), 6:18.

6 BRAZIL—VENEZUELA. Brazilian Decree No. 1768 sanctioning two protocols signed at Caracas November 9, 1905. The first ratifies the demarcation in 1880 of boundary from Cucuy rock to Mt. Cupí; the second determines that a mixed commission shall verify the work of the 1882–4 Brazilian commission from Mt. Cupí to that point of the Roraima range where Brazil, British Guiana and Venezuela meet. It shall give preference to watersheds and

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conform to paragraphs 2 and 3 of article 2 of the treaty signed at Caracas, May 5, 1859 (*State Papers,* 50:1164) *Mensagem.... pelo presidente,* Rio de Janeiro, 1908; *Mem dipl.,* May 31, 1908.

December, 1907.

14 GERMANY—NETHERLANDS. Proclamation by Netherlands of treaty signed at Berlin August 27, 1907, respecting accident insurance. Approved by Netherlands November 29, 1907; ratifications exchanged at Berlin November 30, 1907. *Staatsb.,* 1907, Nos. 310, 332; *Reichs-G.,* 1907, No. 50.

18 CHILE—PERU. Convention signed at Lima. Liberal professions. *B. del ministerio de rel. ext.* (Lima), 6:77.

18 MEXICO—NETHERLANDS. Treaty of extradition signed.

18 CHILE—PERU. Protocol signed at Lima declaring in force the consular convention signed at Lima February 21, 1870 (*Aranda: Tratados del Peru,* 5:95), and amending the same. *B. del ministerio de rel. ext.* (Lima), 6:75. Executive approval by Peru December 18, 1907.

24 CHILE—PERU. Convention signed at Lima. Exchange of publications. *B. del ministerio de rel. ext.* (Lima), 6:79. Approved by Peru January 2, 1908.

January, 1908.

1 BULGARIA—ROUMANIA. Treaty of commerce and navigation signed at Bucharest November 20, 1907, takes effect. Text, *Mém. dipl.,* March 22. Term, three years and until one year from denouncement. Contains most favored nation clause, which does not apply, however, to any customs union entered into by either state.

1 FRANCE. Decree of April 29, 1907, takes effect. Reorganization of the Department of Foreign Affairs. The main divisions of business are geographical instead of by subjects. For M. Pichon's report, see *R. dipl.,* March 1, 1908.

3 BELGIUM—SERVIA. Ratifications exchanged at Belgrade of treaty of commerce signed at Belgrade April 24, 1907. *B. Usuel,* January 3; *Monit.,* January 16. This treaty was put into force by Servia October 9, 1907. *Monit.,* October 10. *See April 24, 1907.*

6 BULGARIA—FRANCE. Ratifications exchanged at Sofia of convention signed at Sofia January 5, 1907, for reciprocal protection of

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trademarks. *J. O.,* January 23, 1908. *J. du dr. int. privé,* 35:626. French decree promulgating, January 21, 1908.

9 BRAZIL—COLOMBIA. Brazilian Decree No. 1866 sanctioning and promulgating modus vivendi respecting the Ica and Putumayo rivers signed at Bogotá April 24, 1907. Approved by Brazilian congress December 31, 1907. *Mensagem.....presidente,* Rio de Janeiro, 1908. *See December 29, 1907.*

10 COSTA RICA—NICARAGUA. Agreement signed for improvement of the bay of San Juan del Norte. *Mensaje del presidente,* 1908, San José.

12 COLOMBIA—PERU. Conflict at Union. Arose from boundary dispute. *See July 6, 1906,* and *April 24, 1907.*

13 NETHERLANDS. Ratification of international convention signed at Rome June 7, 1905, for establishment of a permanent international institute of agriculture. *Staatsb.,* 1908, No. 12. *See August 16, 1906,* and *January 27, 1908.*

16 NETHERLANDS—PERU. Protocol signed at Lima respecting consular convention signed at Lima September 25, 1907. *B. del ministerio rel. ext.,* 6:246.

17 ARGENTINE REPUBLIC—BOLIVIA. Exchange of ratifications at Buenos Aires of the convention signed at Buenos Aires May 18, 1907, relative to extension of the Central Northern Railroad into Bolivian territory and construction of railroad between Potosi and Tupiza. *B. del ministerio de rel. ext.* (Buenos Aires), 18:24. *See May 18, 1907.* For account of work completed, see *B. A. R.,* March.

18 Death at Greifswald of Professor Dr. FELIX STOERK. He succeeded Jules Hopf, who died July 12, 1886, as continuator of the *Nouveau recueil général de traités.*

18 FRANCE—ITALY. Agreement signed delimiting zones in which fishing rights are reserved exclusively for subjects of each State between islands of Corsica and Sardinia. *Mém. dipl.,* February 2.

20 SPAIN. Royal decree promulgating accession to the declaration respecting maritime law signed at Paris April 16, 1856. *Ga. de Madrid,* January 22; *Treaty ser.,* 1908, No. 9; *J. O.,* March 15; *J. du dr. int. privé,* 35:630. French decree approving acceptance of accession, January 21, 1908. For the declaration of Paris, see *J. du dr. int. privé,* Tables générales, 2:72, and for report to

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Emperor Napoleon III, *id.*, p. 73. Japan acceded to the Declaration, October 30, 1886.

30 BOLIVIA—PERU. Convention signed at La Paz to regulate in accordance with the treaty of commerce and customs signed November 27, 1905, the free transit of merchandise imported or exported through Mollendo or any other port that Peru may designate for the commerce of Bolivia. *B. A. R.*, May. Approved by Peru February 8, 1908. *B. del ministerio de rel. ext.* (Lima), 6:22.

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5 CHINA—JAPAN. Seizure by China of Japanese steamer Tatsu Maru off Macao. *North China Herald,* February 28; *The Tatsu Maru case, id.,* March 13, pp. 602, 649; *Times,* March 6, 9, 14, 16; *The Japanese boycott, North China Herald,* 87:325.

8 GERMANY—GREAT BRITAIN. Postal money order agreement signed at Berlin; signed at London January 9, 1908. *Cd.,* 4008.

8 FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH AMERICAN STUDENTS, at Buenos Aires. *B. del ministerio de rel. ext.,* 18:187.

10 UNITED STATES. Ratification by President of arrangement signed at Rome December 9, 1907, for the organization of an international office of public hygiene to have its headquarters at Paris. Ratification advised by the Senate February 10, 1908.

21 ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. Decree concerning diplomatic ceremonial. *Ceremonial diplomatico argentino,* Buenos Aires, 1908; *B. del ministerio de rel. ext.,* 18:351; *Revista dipl.,* 2:7. Abrogated decrees of December 31, 1904, and May 17, 1906.

22 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. New constitution adopted by Constituent Assembly. Went into force April 1. *Ga. oficial,* March 21, 1908.

22 RUSSIA—SWITZERLAND. Declaration signed at Berne, extending the provisions of Articles 1 and 3 of the extradition treaty signed November 17, 1873, and the list of offenses enumerated in Article 3. *Emploi abusif* of explosives is an extraditable offense. *Recueil des lois fédérales,* March 4, 1908; *J. du dr. int. privé,* 35:634.

22 GREAT BRITAIN—MOZAMBIQUE. Agreement signed at London for the direct exchange of parcels between the United Kingdom and the Portuguese colony of Mozambique. Signed at Lourenço Marquez January 9, 1908. *Cd.,* 4013.

February, 1908.

25 COSTA RICA. Ratification of the Central American general treaty of peace and friendship signed at Washington December 20, 1907. *La Gaceta,* February 29. The approval by the various legislative bodies of the Central American governments of the conventions signed at Washington December 20, 1907, has taken place. *B. A. R.,* March; *La Gaceta,* Nos. 49, 50, and 54; *Dr. d'auteur,* 21: 39 and 42 *Marvand: La paix dans le Centre-Amerique, Q. dipl.,* 25:691; *La Gaceta,* Teugcigalpa, April 6.

25 GERMANY—ITALY. Ratifications exchanged at Rome of convention signed at Rome November 9, 1907. Literary and artistic property. In force March 25, 1908. *Reichs-G.,* 1908, No. 13; *Ga. ufficiale,* March 25; *B. del ministero degli aff. est.* March; *Dr. d'auteur,* 21:41, 57. *See November 9, 1907.* Supersedes treaty signed June 20, 1884, and is intended to complete the stipulations of the revised Berne convention. Contains most favored nation clause.

25 UNITED STATES. Deposit at Rio de Janeiro of ratification of convention signed at Rio de Janeiro August 13, 1906, defining the status of naturalized citizens who again take up their residence in the country of their origin. The terms of this convention become effective three months after such deposit.

26 GERMANY—NETHERLANDS. Ratifications exchanged at Berlin of treaty signed at Berlin February 11, 1907, respecting reciprocal recognition of joint stock companies and other commercial, industrial, and financial associations. *Reichs-G.,* 1908, No. 11. Ratified by Netherlands January 13, 1908. *Staatsb.,* 1908, No. 11. Proclaimed at Berlin March 1, 1908. Extends to protectorates, colonies, and consular courts.

26 GUATEMALA—HONDURAS. Decree of Guatemala extending until March 1, 1910, the boundary convention signed March 1, 1895. *Mem. ..... rel. ext.,* Guatemala, 1908. *See June 25, 1907.*

29 SWITZERLAND—UNITED STATES. Treaty of arbitration signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate March 6, 1908; ratified by the President May 29.

29 GREAT BRITAIN—ROUMANIA. British order in council declaring deserters from Roumanian merchant ships liable to apprehension in certain British territory. *London Ga.,* March 3. *See November 2, 1907.* Issued under subsection 1 of section 238 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894.

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2 AUSTRIA—ROUMANIA. Convention signed at Bucharest for protection of literary, artistic, and photographic property. *Dr. d'auteur,* 21:66.

5 KONGO. Royal decree. Suppression of the crown domain. *Mém. dipl.,* March 29. To take effect when Belgium takes over sovereignty of Kongo under treaty of November 28, 1907. *Sardou: L'annexion du Congo par la Belgique, La nouvelle R.,* 3:175; *de Witte: La question du 'Congo Belge,' R. des deux mondes,* 45:363; *R. dipl.,* April 19.

5 BELGIUM—KONGO. Act signed at Brussels additional to the treaty of cession signed at Brussels November 28, 1907. *Mém. dipl.,* March 8, March 29; *Times,* March 12. Stipulates that Article I of the treaty of cession does not apply to the Fondation de la Couronne, the property of which, in the event of annexation, is handed over to the State which is to assume certain obligations. *Times,* March 6; *Payen: L'annexion de l'Etat du Congo à la Belgique, Q. dipl.,* 25:409; *Cd.,* 4079. *See February 4, 1908.*

7 PRUSSIA—SWEDEN. Promulgation at Berlin of treaty signed at Berlin November 16, 1907, for railway ferry between Sassnitz and Trelleborg. *Reichs-G.,* 1908, No. 21; *Preussische gesetzsammlung,* 1908, No. 17.

9 PERU—UNITED STATES. Ratification by United States of treaty signed at Lima October 15, 1907. Ratification advised by the Senate, February 19, 1908. Naturalization.

9 SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SLEEPING SICKNESS met at London. Represented: Germany, Spain, Kongo, France, Great Britain, Italy, Portugal. *Times,* March 10, 13, 14, April 9. Great Britain has decided to take independent action by establishing a National Sleeping Sickness Bureau at London. *See June 17, 1907. Cd.,* 3854.

10 GERMANY—GREAT BRITAIN. Supplementary agreement respecting commercial travelers' samples signed at Berlin. *Treaty ser.,* 1908, No. 8; *Reichs-G.,* 1908, No. 23. In amplification of the declaration concerning "patterns and samples imported by commercial travelers" signed at Berlin April 1, 1869.

10 UNITED STATES. The Senate advises and consents to ratification of six conventions signed at The Hague, October 18, 1907, viz.: (1) opening of hostilities, (2) laws and customs of land warfare, (3) rights and duties of neutral powers and persons in case of

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war on land, (4) laying of submarine mines, (5) bombardment by naval forces in time of war, and (6) adaptation of the principles of the Geneva convention to maritime warfare. On March 12 the Senate approved the convention relative to certain restrictions on the exercise of the right of capture in maritime war and the declaration prohibiting discharge of projectiles and explosives from balloons; April 2, the convention for pacific settlement of international disputes; and April 17 the conventions respecting employment of force for recovery of contract debts, and rights and duties of neutral powers in naval war. *See October 18, 1907.* Additional references: *B. mensuel de la société de lég. comparée,* 39:148; *Holland: The Hague conference of 1907, Law quarterly and R.,* 24:76; *de Lapradelle and Stowell: Latin America at the Hague conference, Yale Law J.,* 17: No. 4; *Dokumente der zweiten Friedenskonferenz, Zeitschrift für int. Privat- und Öffentliches Recht,* 17:389; *Nippold: Die zweite Haager Friedenskonferenz, id.,* 17:504; *Wilcox: The Hague conference from a woman's point of view, Independent,* 64:566; *Lémonon: La seconde conférence de la paix et ses results juridiques, J. du dr. int. privé,* 35:31; *R. gén. de dr. int. public,* 14, documents 29; *Renault: Les deux conférences de la paix,* Paris, 1908; *Pédoya: Les conférences de la Haye,* Paris, 1907; *Arch. dipl.,* 105:21; *Ernst: L'œuvre de la deuxième conférence de la paix,* Brussels and Paris, 1908; *Saint-Maurice: La deuxième conférence de la paix,* Paris, 1908.

12 FRANCE—UNITED STATES. Ratifications exchanged at Washington of general arbitration treaty signed at Washington February 10, 1908, *q. v.* French decree promulgating, March 14. *J. O.,* March 15; *J. du dr. int. privé,* 35:631.

13 TURKEY. Note addressed to the six ambassadors informing them of the renewal of the mandates of the foreign agents of reform in Macedonia until July 12, 1914. *Cd.,* 4076. Turkey had proposed to take the foreign agents and the members of the financial commission into Turkish service with their present duties in a note verbale dated December 15, 1907, but the powers declined. For current bibliography, see *February 5, 1908. Sloane: Turkey in Europe, Political science quarterly,* 23:297; *Times,* May 1.

14 SALVADOR—UNITED STATES. Citizenship convention signed at San *oficial,* March 17. Ratification advised by United States Senate April 13; ratified by the President May 26, 1908.

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14 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY—SERVIA. Treaty of commerce signed at Vienna. *Mém. dipl.*, March 22.

14 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY. Royal rescript adjourns diet of Croatia to a date undetermined. *Mém. dipl.*, March 22; *Times*, March 16.

14 GREAT BRITAIN—PARAGUAY. Declaration signed at Asuncion amending treaty of commerce signed at Asuncion October 16, 1884. *Treaty ser.*, 1908, No. 14; *State Papers*, 75:929.

* * * agree that any of His Majesty's Colonies, Possessions or Protectorates may withdraw from the Treaty separately at any time on giving twelve months' notice to that effect, but that nevertheless the goods produced or manufactured in any of His Britannic Majesty's Colonies, Possessions and Protectorates shall enjoy in Paraguay complete and unconditional most-favoured-nation treatment, so long as such Colony, Possession or Protectorate shall accord to goods the produce or manufacture of Paraguay treatment as favourable as it gives to the produce or manufacture of any other Country.

16 FRANCE—SWITZERLAND. Conference relative to approaches to the Simplon opened at Berne. *Mém. dipl.*, March 22.

17 CUBA. Decree ratifying the convention signed at Rio de Janeiro August 13, 1906, relating to pecuniary claims. *Ga. oficial*, March 18.

17 CUBA. Decree adhering to the convention signed at Geneva July 6, 1906, for the amelioration of the condition of soldiers wounded in the field of battle. *Ga. oficial*, March 18.

18 FRANCE—GREAT BRITAIN. Ratifications exchanged at London of convention signed at London January 9, 1907, respecting commercial relations between France and Barbados. *Treaty ser.*, 1908, No. 7; *J. O.*, April 2, 1908. French decree promulgating, April 1, 1908.

19 NICARAGUA—SPAIN. Ratifications exchanged at Paris of treaty of obligatory arbitration signed at Guatemala October 4, 1904. *Ga. de Madrid*, April 17, 1908.

19 NICARAGUA—SPAIN. Ratifications exchanged at Paris of convention signed at Guatemala October 4, 1904. Mutual recognition of validity of academic degrees. *Ga. de Madrid*, April 14.

20 ARGENTINE REPUBLIC. Decree constituting committee charged with preliminary work of the Fourth International American Conference, to be inaugurated at Buenos Aires May 25, 1910. *Revista dipl.* (Buenos Aires), 2:3; *B. A. R.*, June.

20 CRETE. The High Commissioner notified the four protecting

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powers that the conditions laid down as preliminary to withdrawal of their troops, had been realized, to wit: (1) organization of a native *gendarmerie,* (2) maintenance of tranquillity, and (3) security of the Musulman population. France, Great Britain, Italy and Russia, have announced their decision to withdraw their forces gradually in the course of a year. They had in 1898 constituted the island an autonomous State under a High Commissioner of the Powers, subject to the suzerainty of the Porte. Since August 14, 1906, the right of the King of Greece to propose the High Commissioner has been recognized by the protecting powers, under whose sanction Greek officers have taken over the direction of the gendarmerie and militia.

21 INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION to aid in suppression of war in general annual reunion at Paris. Proceedings in *Mém. dipl.,* March 29.

21 FRANCE. Law authorizing ratification of convention signed at Rome December 9, 1907, for the creation at Paris of an international office of public hygiene. *J. O.,* March 24. *See February 10, 1908.*

22 CHINA. Imperial decree concerning consumption of opium. *The latest opium decree, North China Herald,* March 27, 1908; *Times,* April 17. *See January 27, 1908.*

23 COLOMBIA. Decree providing for reorganization of the diplomatic and consular service. *B. A. R.,* May.

23 SWEDEN. Ratification deposited at Brussels of the Additional Act signed at Brussels August 28, 1907, to the international sugar convention signed March 5, 1902, relative to the accession of Russia to the Sugar Union. Ratification deposited by Peru, January 11, 1908; Switzerland, January 24, 1908; Belgium, France, and Netherlands, January 31; Austria and Hungary, February 13; Germany, Luxemburg, and Great Britain, February 14; Sweden, March 23. All the signatory powers have deposited ratifications except Italy, which preserves the faculty of carrying out this formality until July 1, 1908. *See March 31, 1908,* and *August 28, 1907. Treaty ser.,* 1908, No. 12; *Reichs-G.,* 1908, No. 16; *Staatsb.,* 1908, No. 46.

24 MEXICO—UNITED STATES. Treaty of arbitration signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate April 2; ratified by the President May 29, 1908.

27 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY. Deposit at Berne of ratification of the inter-

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national convention signed at Geneva July 6, 1906, for the improvement of the condition of wounded in armies in the field.

27 JAPAN. Ratification of radiotelegraphic convention signed at Berlin November 3, 1906.

28 GREAT BRITAIN. Terms of settlement arranged with friendly Afridi clans in Walai. Each of the Afridi clans goes security for the future good behavior of a named subsection of the Zakka Khel. As a pledge of good faith in guaranteeing punishment of the offending Zakkas, rifles to value of 20,000 rupees are deposited with the British government. *Times,* April 9; *Q. dipl.,* 25:749.

28 ITALY—UNITED STATES. Treaty of arbitration signed at Washington. Ratification advised by Senate April 2, 1908.

28 GREECE—MONTENEGRO. Treaty of commerce signed at Cettigne. *R. dipl.,* April 5. On basis of most favored nation principle.

31 GREAT BRITAIN—SERVIA. Ratifications exchanged at Belgrade of treaty of commerce signed at Belgrade February 17, 1907. *Treaty ser.,* 1908, No. 13. Supersedes treaty signed July 10, 1893, and is binding until December 31, 1917, and until one year after denouncement. Contains most favored nation clause, with Customs Union exception. The duties under this treaty went into effect in Servia March 15, 1907. For details of the modifications introduced into the Servian general tariff, see *Board of Trade J.,* London, March 7 and 14, 1907; *Cd.,* 3749.

31 NETHERLANDS. Ratification deposited at Brussels of the protocol signed at Brussels December 19, 1907, relative to the accession of Russia to the Sugar Convention. Ratification deposited by Switzerland, January 24; Belgium and France, January 31; Austria and Hungary, February 13; Germany, Great Britain, Luxemburg, and Russia, February 14; Sweden, March 23; Peru, March 26; Netherlands, March 31. All signatory powers have deposited ratifications except Italy, which preserves the faculty of carrying out this formality until July 1, 1908. *See December 19, 1907,* and *March 23, 1908. Treaty ser.,* 1908, No. 12; *B. Usuel,* April 1, 1908; *Monit.,* April 19; *Reichs-G.,* 1908, No. 16; *J. O.,* May 10.

31 UNITED STATES. Ratification deposited with the government of Mexico of the convention signed at Mexico January 27, 1902, on literary and artistic copyrights. *U. S. Treaty series,* No. 497. Ratification advised by the Senate January 31, 1908; ratified by

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the President March 16, 1908; proclaimed April 9, 1908. This convention has been ratified by Guatemala, Salvador, Costa Rica, Honduras, and Nicaragua, and their ratifications were deposited with the Government of Mexico respectively as follows: April 25, 1902; May 19, 1902; June 28, 1903; July 4, 1904, and August 13, 1904. It is provided by its Article XV that the convention "shall take effect between the signatory States that ratify it, three months from the day they communicate their ratifications to the Mexican Government."

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1 BELGIUM—JAPAN. Telegraphic money order exchange established. *L'union postale,* 33:80.

2 FRANCE—MEXICO. French decree promulgating arrangement signed at Mexico May 28, 1907, modifying article 3 and the first paragraph of article 5 of the convention signed at Mexico December 10, 1891, (*De Clercq,* 19:288). Ratifications exchanged at Mexico December 28, 1907. Parcels post. *J. O.,* April 4, 1908.

3 CHILE—COLOMBIA. Convention signed at Bogotá. Exchange of publications. *B. del ministerio de rel. ext.* (Bogotá), 1:353.

4 GREAT BRITAIN—UNITED STATES. Treaty of arbitration signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate April 22, 1908; ratified by the President May 11, 1908; ratified by Great Britain May 4, 1908; ratifications exchanged at Washington June 4, 1908; proclaimed June 5, 1908. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 494. Article I identical with Article I of the arbitration treaty between France and United States signed at Washington February 10, 1908, *q. v.*

Article 2. In each individual case the High Contracting Parties, before appealing to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, shall conclude a special Agreement defining clearly the matter in dispute, the scope of the powers of the Arbitrators, and the periods to be fixed for the formation of the Arbitral Tribunal and the several stages of the procedure. It is understood that such special agreements on the part of the United States will be made by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof; His Majesty's Government reserving the right before concluding a special agreement in any matter affecting the interests of a self governing Dominion of the British Empire to obtain the concurrence therein of the Government of that Dominion.

Such Agreements shall be binding only when confirmed by the two Governments by an Exchange of Notes.

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4 NORWAY—UNITED STATES. Treaty of arbitration signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate April 17, 1908.

6 FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF MATHEMATICIANS opened at Rome. *Nation,* May 14. Next congress in 1912 at Cambridge, England, will be a joint congress on mathematics and physics.

6 PORTUGAL—UNITED STATES. Treaty of arbitration signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate April 17, 1908.

6 FRANCE—SPAIN. Ratifications exchanged at Bayonne of declaration signed at Bayonne June 9, 1906, relative to oyster fishing in the Bidassoa. French decree promulgating, April 18, 1908. *J. O.,* April 19. This declaration modifies the declaration signed at Bayonne October 4, 1894 (*DeClercq,* 20:173), with which it is to be considered an integral part of the convention signed at Bayonne February 18, 1886 (*DeClercq,* 17:77); *Lopez y Medina: Tratados de pesca* (Madrid, 1906) p. 37; *Ga. de Madrid,* April 21, 1908.

6 SPAIN—UNITED STATES. Ratifications exchanged at Madrid of treaty of extradition and protocol amending articles 3 and 4 thereof. Treaty signed at Madrid June 15, 1904; protocol signed at San Sebastian August 13, 1907; ratification advised by the Senate January 16, 1908; ratified by the President February 5, 1908; ratified by Spain March 30, 1908; proclaimed by the President May 21, 1908. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 492; *Ga. de Madrid,* April 12.

7 CHINA. Decree respecting opium. Appoints special imperial commissioners of opium prohibition, who are to establish hospitals where those addicted to opium consumption may have special attention. *North China Herald,* 87:89.

9 FRANCE. Decree placing Mayotte and Dependencies (Comoro group) under supreme authority of the Governor-General of Madagascar. Administrative and financial autonomy is retained under a functionary appointed from the general colonial service. *Geographical J.,* 31:677.

10 JAPAN—RUSSIA. Signature and exchange at Vladivostock of the documents relating to the delimitation of the boundaries of the Island of Sakhalin by the chiefs of the Russian and Japanese Boundary Commissioners. *Times,* April 23.

11 GREAT BRITAIN—UNITED STATES. Convention signed at Washington concerning the inland fisheries in waters contiguous to the

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United States and Canada. Ratification advised by the Senate April 17; ratified by the President May 11; ratified by Great Britain May 12; ratifications exchanged at Washington June 4; proclaimed by President July 1.

11 GREAT BRITAIN—UNITED STATES. Treaty signed at Washington. To settle all difficulties connected with the international boundary line, such as its redelimitation and the prevention of smuggling. Where the boundary runs on land, the matter is to be referred to a joint commission similar to the one which is to deal with the fisheries question; where the line passes over water, dispute concerning it will be referred to a waterways commission. Ratification advised by the Senate May 4; ratified by Great Britain May 16; ratified by the President May 11; ratifications exchanged at Washington June 4, 1908; proclaimed by President July 1.

12 PERSIA—RUSSIA. Kurds attack frontier guards near Russian Belesuvar. Later Russian troops crossed the Persian frontier and defeated the Kurds in the mountains of Kara Dagh. *Times,* April 18.

13 SALVADOR. Decree respecting the national sovereignty and treaties and conventions.

14 GERMANY—SALVADOR. Treaty signed at San Salvador. Most favored nation treatment in commerce, navigation, and consular privileges. *Diario oficial,* April 20. Ratified by Salvador May 4, 1908.

15 GREAT BRITAIN—PANAMA. Agreement signed at Panama for direct exchange of parcels by parcels post.

16 BRAZIL—PERU. Convention signed at Lima for free navigation of the Japurá by Brazilian and Peruvian vessels, merchant or war. A similar agreement was signed at Lima, September 29, 1876, respecting the Putumayo. *Aranda: Tratados del Peru,* 2:619.

16 FRANCE—SPAIN. Protocol signed modifying convention respecting transpyrenean railroads. *Mém. dipl.,* April 19.

18 FRANCE—GERMANY. Convention signed at Berlin. Delimitation of frontier between French Kongo and Kamerun. *Mém dipl.,* April 26. Substitutes a more natural frontier for the artificial line tentatively fixed by the convention signed at Berlin, March 15, 1894.

20 BRAZIL—COLOMBIA. Ratifications exchanged at Rio de Janeiro of treaty signed at Bogotá April 24, 1907, respecting free navigation

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of the Japurá. *See April 24, 1907.* Promulgated in Brazil April 23, 1908. *Mensagem.....pelo presidente,* Rio de Janeiro, 1908.

20 ITALY—TURKEY. The Turkish ambassador at Rome hands the foreign office a note from the government of Turkey putting an end to the difference between the two countries. Italy may open post offices for Italians at Constantinople, Saloniki, Vallona, Smyrna, and Jerusalem. *L'incident italo-turc, Mém. dipl.,* April 26; *R. dipl.,* April 26; *Times,* April 20.

20 SPAIN—UNITED STATES. Treaty of arbitration signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate, April 22; ratified by the President May 28, 1908; ratified by Spain May 11, 1908; ratifications exchanged at Washington June 2, 1908; proclaimed June 3, 1908. *U. S. Treaty ser.,* No. 493. Similar to treaty with France signed February 10, 1908, *q. v.*

21 FIRST INTERNATIONAL LARYNGO-RHINOLOGY CONGRESS opened at Vienna. Adjourned April 25. *Times,* April 22.

23 DENMARK—GERMANY—RUSSIA—SWEDEN. Declaration signed at St. Petersburg relative to the Baltic. *Mém. dipl.,* April 26; *Q. dipl.,* 25:738.

23 DENMARK—FRANCE—GERMANY—GREAT BRITAIN—NETHERLANDS—SWEDEN. Declaration and memorandum signed at Berlin on the subject of the *status quo* in the territories bordering on the North Sea. *Cd.,* 3964; *Mém. dipl.,* April 26; *Q. dipl.,* 25:738; *Doc. dipl., Accords relatifs à la mer du nord,* 1908; *Fortnightly R.,* 83:932.

23 FRANCE—GREAT BRITAIN—SWEDEN. Act signed at Stockholm denouncing the treaty signed at Stockholm, 1855.

23 JAPAN. Ratification deposited at Berne of the Geneva Red Cross convention signed July 6, 1906. The reservation made by the Japanese delegate on the subject of article 28 is withdrawn.

24 SECOND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW at Washington. Adjourned April 25.

27 JAPAN—NETHERLANDS. Consular convention signed at The Hague with regard to the Dutch colonies in the East Indies. *See September 25, 1907.*

28 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES at Brussels. To consider a revision of the regulations dealing with traffic in arms and ammunition in Africa. Fourteen states represented: Belgium, Kongo, France, Germany, Great Britain,

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Netherlands, Italy, Liberia, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, and United States. Presided over by M. L. Capelle, Director-General of Commerce and Consulates in the Belgian Foreign Office. *Times,* April 30.

29 FRANCE. Law relative to the conditions of application of article 5 of the treaty with Siam signed at Bangkok March 23, 1907. *J. O.,* May 1; *Dauge: Condition juridique des étrangers au Siam et organisation judiciaire, Clunet,* 27:461; *id.,* 34:1244.

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1 RUSSIA—SERVIA. Ordinary money order exchange established on basis of a private agreement. *L'union postale,* 33:80.

2 NETHERLANDS—UNITED STATES. Arbitration treaty signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate May 6, 1908.

2 SWEDEN—UNITED STATES. Arbitration treaty signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate May 6, 1908.

3 MOROCCO. The troops of Abdel Aziz occupied Safi without resistance. *Q. dipl.,* 24:724; *J. du débats,* May 15; *Aktenstücke über Marokko,* 208 pp.; *Maxey: Morocco moriturus, Forum,* 39:568; *Moore: The passing of Morocco,* London.

4 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ELECTRICAL TELEGRAPHY, at Lisbon. *R. dipl.,* February 23.

5 FRANCE. Order of the minister for foreign affairs instituting a commission for the purpose of studying ways and means of regulating conflicts in the matter of nationality between French and foreign laws. *J. O.,* May 7.

5 JAPAN—UNITED STATES. Arbitration treaty signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate May 13, 1908.

7 PORTUGAL—UNITED STATES. Naturalization treaty signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate May 14, 1908.

7 PORTUGAL—UNITED STATES. Extradition treaty signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate May 22, 1908.

11 LAYING OF CORNERSTONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS at Washington. *B. A. R.,* May and June, 1908; *Times,* May 12.

11 UNITED STATES. An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reorganization of the consular service of the United States," approved April 5, 1906. Takes effect July 1, 1908. *Stat. at L.,* vol. 35.

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12 EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY took place at Boston. Proceedings in *Advocate of Peace,* June, 1908.

14 FRANCO-BRITISH EXHIBITION opened by Prince and Princess of Wales. *L'exposition franco-britannique, R. dipl.,* May 17; *Some neglected aspects of the entente cordiale, National R.,* 51:539; *Times,* April 2, 20, May 8.

14 TRINIDAD and TOBAGO. Accession in force to the industrial property convention signed at Paris March 20, 1883, as modified by the additional act signed at Brussels December 14, 1900. *Treaty ser.,* 1908, No. 11. The Swiss government received notice of the accession April 6, and notified the states interested April 14, 1908. By the stipulations of Article 16 of the revised convention the accession takes effect one month after the latter date. *J. O.,* May 1.

15 SALVADOR. Ratification in all its parts of the principal convention of the Universal Postal Union signed at Rome May 26, 1906, as well as the final protocol and further convention concerning exchange of postal parcels and international money orders. *Diario oficial,* May 18.

16 ABYSSINIA—ITALY. Frontier convention signed at Adis Ababa. Fixes starting point on the Juba River at Dolo, above Lugh; thence it is carried to the Webi Shebeli, where it joins, and follows to the frontier of British Somaliland, the line laid down in the arrangement signed September, 1897. Fixes the frontier of the Danakil country in Eritrea at a distance of 60 kilometers from the coast, and makes provision for payment by Italy to Abyssinia of indemnity of 3,000,000 lire. *Geographical J.,* 31:675.

18 DENMARK—UNITED STATES. Arbitration treaty signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate May 20.

18 GREAT BRITAIN—UNITED STATES. Convention signed at Washington. Ratification advised by the Senate May 20. Wreckage and salvage.

18 EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON ARCHITECTURE at Vienna. *Mém. dipl.,* May 24.

19 JAPAN—UNITED STATES. Treaty signed at Washington for the protection in China of inventions, designs, trademarks, and copyrights of American citizens and Japanese subjects. *J. of the American Asiatic Assn.,* 7:280, 300; 8:140. Ratification advised

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by the Senate May 20; ratified by the President June 2. *La protection des marques étrangères en Chine, R. de dr. int. privé et de dr. pénal int.,* 4:504; *North China Herald,* 84:117 and 85:629.

19 JAPAN—UNITED STATES. Treaty signed at Washington for protection in Korea of inventions, designs, trademarks, and copyrights of American citizens and Japanese subjects. *J. of the American Asiatic Assn.,* 8:140.

20 LAKE MOHONK CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION. Fourteenth annual meeting at Mohonk Lake, New York. Adjourned May 22. *B. A. R.,* June.

23 INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE inaugurated at Rome by King of Italy. *Mém. dipl.,* May 31. On the 25th the permanent committee held its first meeting and adopted French as the official language of the Institute. *See January 29, 1908.*

24 TURKEY. Iradé authorizing construction of four new sections of the Bagdad Railway. *Mém. dipl.,* May 31.

24 FRANCE. Decree establishing competitive examinations for posts of student vice-consuls. *J. O.,* May 26.

25 UNITED STATES. Joint resolution to provide for the remission of a portion of the Chinese indemnity. *Stat. at L.,* vol. 35. The President is authorized to consent to a modification of the bond for $24,440,778.81, dated December 15, 1906, received from China pursuant to the protocol signed at Peking September 7, 1901 (*For rel.,* 1901, appendix), so that the total payment to be made by China under the said bond shall be limited to $13,655,492.69 and interest at the stipulated rate of four per cent. *H. report* 1107, 60 Cong. 1 sess; *J. of the American Asiatic Assn.,* 8:19, 135.

25 Inauguration of the CENTRAL AMERICAN COURT OF JUSTICE at Cartago, Costa Rica. *B. A. R.,* June. Andrew Carnegie has offered $100,000 for the purpose of erecting at Cartago a temple of peace for the exclusive use of the Central American Court of Justice. *See February 5, 1908.*

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